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Farm Production Expenditures
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2009 Farm Production Expenditures

Farm production expenditures for the Plains Region totaled \$68.0 billion in 2009 down 8.4 percent from 2008, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. The Plains Region includes Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas. Livestock, poultry and related expenses, which was the largest expenditure in the Plains, decreased 13.9 percent. Increases in expenditures were reported in feed and taxes. All other expenditures remained unchanged or decreased from 2008. The largest decrease in expenditures for the Plains operations was fuels, down 25.7 percent from 2008. Nationally, farm production expenditures decreased 6.4 percent from the revised 2008 total.

Livestock, poultry and related expenses accounted for 16.9 percent of the Plains total production expenses, while feed, farm services and rent accounted for 15.7, 11.2 and 8.1 percent, respectively. The farm services category includes items such as crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, general and miscellaneous business expenses and utilities.

The average total expenditures per farm in the Plains for 2009 was \$133,242, down from \$145,405 in 2008. The national average was \$131,137 compared with \$140,075 in 2008. In the Plains region, the livestock, poultry and related expenses was the leading 2009 expenditure per farm at \$11,470, below the national average of \$11,818. The Plains average per farm for labor, at \$3,420, was less than half the national average of \$13,141.

This report is based on results from the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) conducted by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers were contacted from February through April 2010 to collect farm and ranch production and expense data.

Farm Production Expenditures: Plains and United States, 2008-2009

Expenditure-Farm Share	Plains (KS, NE, ND, OK, SD AND TX)					United States ¹				
	Average Per Farm ²		Total Expenditures			Average Per Farm ²		Total Expenditures		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2009 % of Total	2008	2009	2008	2009	2009 % of Total
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Mil Dollars</i>	<i>Mil Dollars</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Mil Dollars</i>	<i>Mil Dollars</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Total Farm Production Expenditures ³	145,405	133,242	74,200	67,980	100	140,075	131,137	307,020	287,400	100
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses ⁴	26,102	22,481	13,320	11,470	16.9	12,912	11,818	28,300	25,900	9.0
Feed	19,929	20,894	10,170	10,660	15.7	21,398	20,533	46,900	45,000	15.7
Farm Services ⁵	16,069	14,955	8,200	7,630	11.2	17,337	16,609	38,000	36,400	12.7
Rent ⁶	10,837	10,819	5,530	5,520	8.1	10,220	10,312	22,400	22,600	7.9
Agricultural Chemicals ⁷	5,271	4,665	2,690	2,380	3.5	5,338	5,247	11,700	11,500	4.0
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners ⁷	10,719	9,114	5,470	4,650	6.8	10,265	9,171	22,500	20,100	7.0
Interest	5,252	4,900	2,680	2,500	3.7	5,475	5,019	12,000	11,000	3.8
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	5,252	5,429	2,680	2,770	4.1	4,882	4,745	10,700	10,400	3.6
Labor	7,760	6,703	3,960	3,420	5.0	13,550	13,141	29,700	28,800	10.0
Fuels	7,995	5,939	4,080	3,030	4.5	7,300	5,658	16,000	12,400	4.3
Farm Supplies & Repairs ⁸	6,447	6,390	3,290	3,260	4.8	7,254	7,072	15,900	15,500	5.4
Farm Improvements & Construction ⁹	6,212	5,253	3,170	2,680	3.9	7,209	6,434	15,800	14,100	4.9
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	5,898	4,920	3,010	2,510	3.7	5,201	4,243	11,400	9,300	3.2
Other Farm Machinery	3,057	2,528	1,560	1,290	1.9	2,692	2,145	5,900	4,700	1.6
Seeds & Plants ¹⁰	6,075	6,037	3,100	3,080	4.5	6,889	7,072	15,100	15,500	5.4
Trucks & Autos	2,450	2,136	1,250	1,090	1.6	2,053	1,825	4,500	4,000	1.4
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses	78	78	40	40	0.1	100	91	220	200	0.1

¹ Excludes AK and HI. ² Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. ³ Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. Totals may not add due to rounding. ⁴ Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. ⁵ Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, general and miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities. ⁶ Includes public and private grazing fees. ⁷ Includes material and application costs. ⁸ Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, oils and lubricants, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment, and capital equipment for livestock and poultry. ⁹ Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings, fences, operator dwelling (if dwelling is owned by operation), and any improvements to physical structures of land. ¹⁰ Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, seed purchased for resale, and includes seed treatment.

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